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Gratitude and remembrance on Nov. 11

Second World War veteran reflects on her role in Canada's efforts

JENN WATT

Editor

"We are so lucky," Billy Pickard says several times during an interview in her Haliburton Village home a week before Remembrance Day.

"We are lucky the fighting isn't here. We are so lucky."

Billy is 94 years old, a Second World War veteran and an active member of the local Legion.

On this unseasonably warm November morning, she and her husband Ed sit side by side in their cozy living room overlooking a forested ridge, reminiscing about life and war.

Billy's sight isn't good anymore and Ed helps her fetch photo albums and articles written about her service as a CWAC – Canadian Women Army Corps – sorting mail behind the front lines across continental Europe.

There are old pictures of Billy and her 19 fellow postal workers. You can tell which one she is by her height. Five-foot-nine with sharp eyes and high cheekbones, Billy stands out. In one she is laughing with fellow soldiers between army tents in Normandy. In another, she

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MacIntyre talks crime and Punishment

Canadian icon Linden MacIntyre, right, signs a copy of his latest book *Punishment* for fan Lynda Campbell at the Friends of the Haliburton County Library's 10th annual Book Gala and Silent Auction on Nov. 8 at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. The author of several books and longtime journalist spoke to the hundreds of attendees on how he fell into the world of writing and the main subject of his latest work, crime and punishment. An ardent supporter of libraries, MacIntyre had the audience in stitches with his self-deprecating sense of humour and anecdotes about his speaking engagements.

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Residents go days without power

JENN WATT

Editor

A storm that swept across Ontario on Friday downed hydro lines with 100-kilometre-an-hour winds, knocking out power to thousands for days.

Across Haliburton County, there were more than 60 incidents investigated by Hydro One and more than 9,000 without power on Nov. 6.

Crews worked throughout the weekend to restore power, but as of Monday, there were still more than 500 in the region without power.

Tiziana Baccega Rosa, spokesperson for Hydro One, said that aside from the 1,200 people across Ontario who worked on restoring power, several helicopters were sent out to patrol, help move equipment and put in new poles.

It's not always obvious to workers where the problem is, Baccega Rosa said.

"It's a physical patrol that needs to happen, especially when you're talking about off-road sections, it could go on for a very long time. Pinpointing where the actual incident is is the real first part," she said.

Damage assessors head out into the field, looking for trees on lines or poles blown over and the crews then get to work on repairing the damage.

Pat and Jeff Barry were without power for 54 hours during the weekend.

The couple lives on Barry Line and have a generator and wood stove, so the

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Traffic stop leads to drug charges

On Nov. 4, at approximately 12 a.m., an officer from the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle travelling over the posted speed limit on Highway 35 at Carnarvon Lane in Minden Hills. Through further investigation the officer found a small quantity of suspected marijuana in the vehicle.

The female driver, a 21-year-old from Scarborough, is charged with speeding contrary to the Highway Traffic Act.

The female passenger, a 21-year-old from Scarborough, is charged with possession of marijuana under 30 grams.

She is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Dec. 2.

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outage didn't affect them as it would some others. Pat said she saw trees down and hydro employees working hard to get power back on.

"I know they sure worked long and hard on it," she said. "They've been very thorough and very helpful."

One family on the Barrys' road who don't have a generator made a campfire to keep warm, Pat said. The family was invited into a neighbour's home for food and to get warm.

Generators were buzzing around the neighbourhood.

"It was something in the evening when it was dark to be outside [and] hear all of the homes with the generators going," Pat says.

At the Haliburton hospital, it took a while for the generator to kick in – with the facility powerless for about an hour on Friday.

The facility has a diesel generator, CEO Varouj Eskedjian said, which is tested weekly. However, on Friday it didn't automatically start as it should have, causing the

administration to call in an electrician.

Eskedjian said the staff was able to manage the situation.

"Because it occurred during the day and we had plenty of staff in we were able to ... provide care to them [patients and residents]," he said.

The kitchen equipment runs on propane and there were paper plates. None of the patients that day needed medical equipment that runs on electricity.

Eskedjian said the situation was a learning experience and has helped HHHS determine what needs to change for next time.

"We're going to take learnings from it and determine why the diesel generator didn't kick in and certainly train our maintenance staff in the event that that happens again," he said.

About 90,000 customers were without power across Ontario. As of Monday, some in the region were still without power. Most of those were dwellings on islands or in remote areas.

Snowmobile map is on newsstands

Here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

The official trail guide to Haliburton County snowmobiling is now available across the area.

Containing a map of trails in the county along with major roadways, lakes, parking, washrooms, lookouts, hospitals, areas that require caution and local businesses, the map is a must-have for sledgers.

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association president Paul Gaudin said this year marks the 45th anniversary of the club, which is responsible for grooming trails.

Six thousand copies of the map have been distributed.

To find a copy, go to the HCSA website www.hcsa.ca or call 705-457-4263. You can find information on permits, events, volunteering, trail availability and driver training there.

Chamber to hold electricity round table

Business owners concerned about Ontario's electricity system are invited to attend the Regional Electricity Round Table on Tuesday, Nov. 17. Presented by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce as well as counterparts from Bancroft, Coboconk/Norland and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the round table will allow opportunities to talk about issues and ask questions of representatives of the Independent Electricity Systems Operator (IESO).

The event is open to members and guests. RSVP to Kristy at 705-457-4700 or kristy@haliburtonchamber.com. The event takes place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Pinestone.

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Woodlot to warm homes and hearts across the Highlands

JENN WATT

Editor

Trees once planted by Donald Sanderson will soon be heating the homes of many across the Highlands – perhaps even his relatives.

His son, Michael Sanderson, who now owns the property near Wilberforce is in the process of donating truckloads of wood harvested sustainably from the lot that has been in his family for 100 years.

The idea first came to him after he discovered that his uncle Ken had needed to access the Haliburton County Heat Bank last winter for firewood when the price of hydro put a strain on the budget.

He called John Teljeur, one of the coordinators of the Heat Bank, and discussed what he could do to help out with his 20-acre woodlot.

"I said, have at it; that would keep a lot of families warm. On one condition: that my uncle never goes cold again," Sanderson says.

A Toronto resident, Sanderson bought the property from the estate when his dad passed away in 2012. He visits the cottage regularly, but hadn't thought much about what to do with the forest he also now owned.

Through a mutual acquaintance, Sanderson connected with Ernie Demuth, a senior technician with the Bancroft Minden Forest Company and past president of the Bancroft Area Forest Industry Association.

"I got ahold of Michael and was just amazed at what this guy was willing to do for the Heat Bank," Demuth says.

"This is a really good opportunity to show some sustainable forest management while helping an amazing cause."

Through BAFA's local wood initiative, the land was assessed and trees marked to sustainably harvest firewood to be given to the Heat Bank. The process entails removing the trees that are diseased or dying – about one-third of the trees – and repeating the process every 25 years or so. The result is a stronger forest that gives

plants room to grow and thrive.

Sanderson's beech trees have beech bark disease, Demuth says, and managing the lot means taking out those trees with the disease.

"You can sustain a forest ecosystem at the same time and get the wood products that we all use," he says.

BAFIA VP and forestry technician with the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Virginia deCarle has been marking trees to be removed from Sanderson's property.

"We want to make sure that during this process of him donating the firewood that's coming from his property ... it is done in a sustainable way through a selection system," she says.

She hopes that Sanderson's efforts will encourage other landowners to consider donating some of their wood.

She likens the selection system to weeding a garden; the dying trees are removed to allow sunlight in to others.

The wood will be stored in depots across the county, said Teljeur.

The Heat Bank helps about 100 families in the area in partnership with A Place Called Home, which also intervenes when a client is being threatened with having hydro cut off.

Teljeur says he was touched by Sanderson's donation and the connection he had to the wood he was donating.

"He's paying back and paying forward at the same time," he says.

Ken Sanderson says he and his wife Nadeen aren't in need of wood right now and he has told Michael to give the wood to others, but he emphasizes how useful the program is.

"The Heat Bank had supplied us with 10 cords of wood and it's a good program and I would certainly support it," Ken says.

Michael knows his father would approve of how his property is warming his family and neighbours through the winters.

"It would make a smile on my Dad's face knowing the wood he helped harvest and plant and nurture in his forest was not only keeping his brother warm, but keeping so many other seniors and people in need warm as well."



Virginia deCarle marks trees on Michael Sanderson's property near Wilberforce. Sanderson is donating wood from his lot to the Haliburton County Heat Bank and enlisted the help of the Bancroft Area Forest Industry Association for help in managing his woodlot sustainably. Diseased and dying trees will be harvested for firewood, leaving more room for healthier trees to thrive. PHOTO SUBMITTED

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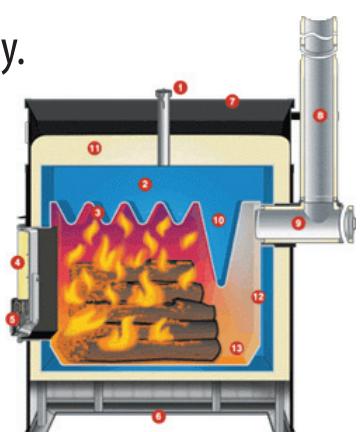
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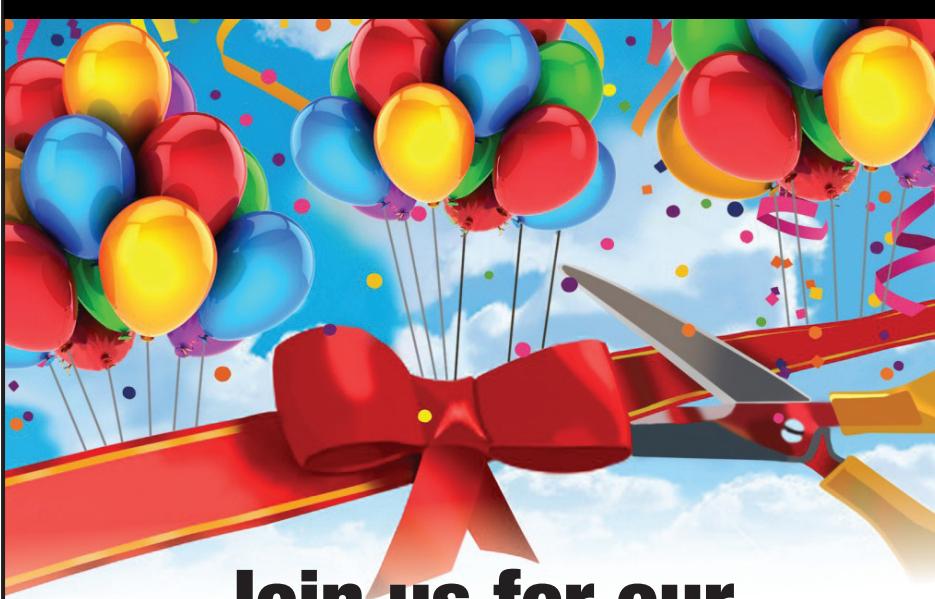
Elaine Elliott has her hands full of books at the Friends of the Haliburton County Library 10th annual Book Gala and Silent Auction on Nov. 8 at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. The event is a fundraiser for the Haliburton County library system, which has eight branches throughout the Highlands. Gift baskets with books of different genres are available for purchase. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Kathleen Mallard checks out some of the silent auction items at the 10th annual Friends of the Haliburton County Library Book Gala and Silent Auction held on Nov. 8 at Pinestone Resort. The afternoon fundraiser included a wide variety of items to bid on such as gift certificates, pottery, sports tickets, artwork and more. Renowned author and journalist Linden MacIntyre was the guest speaker at the event, which was a sell out. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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It's in your drawer to give

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

In just about everyone's junk drawer there is a collection of AA batteries.

Each one of those batteries contains enough zinc to potentially save the lives of six children, who have a zinc deficiency in their diet. Zinc is necessary for growth, brain development and aids in fighting infections.

Since last month, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Interact Club has been collecting the batteries for the Zinc Saves Kids initiative promoted by the resource company Teck through its Zinc and Health program.

Interact co-president Leah Berry is asking for the public's help in this yearlong effort.

"A lot of people don't know what to do with their used batteries and they end up throwing them out. That causes harm to the environment. It's something we can take out of our landfills to help with something else," she said.

Berry and her club learned about this effort from a Teck representative at the annual We Day event in Toronto on Oct. 1. The Free The Children event empowers youth to act on local and global issues.

The Zinc Saves Kids initiative is by the International Zinc Association, a non-profit organization that strives to improve the survival, growth and development of undernourished children through its funding of UNICEF supported zinc programs around the world.

Teck said their involvement isn't about trying to sell zinc.

The zinccsaveslives.com website said the annual amount required for zinc supple-

ments is less than two per cent of its entire annual production and less than 0.1 per cent of global production.

Their effort, they say, is about raising awareness and helping to solve this health issue.

The Interact members will be outside the office every second Friday at lunch to collect in person.

Outside of that the batteries are being accepted at the school's office until the end of the school year.

For more information email triple_lberry@hotmail.com.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Interact Club co-president Leah Berry is asking for the public's help with a AA battery Zinc Saves Kids initiative collection. Each AA battery contains enough zinc to save six children, who have a diet deficient in zinc. DARREN LUM Staff

Wilberforce Legion building upgrades celebrated

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

More than a year ago members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624 put pen to paper and began filling out a grant application for the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

On Nov. 8 those same members along with MPP Laurie Scott and others gathered at the Legion in Wilberforce to celebrate the fruits of their labour, which resulted in nearly \$50,000 of funding for the building.

"I would like to congratulate you on a job very, very well done," said Kathryn Rogers, grant review team member for OTF. "You made a good case for the grant."

In total the Legion's OTF committee secured \$49,500, which was used to make the washrooms more accessible, replace aging doors, build a shelter for the exit door and purchase a back-up generator, the latter was put to use during last weekend's wind storm.

Chairperson of the committee Hilary Klapow thanked all those who contributed to the project, including the volunteers and construction work of Dave Logan of Logan Enterprises.

A plaque was dedicated to the Legion by Scott and Rogers.

"The Legion is such a pillar in the community, especially in Wilberforce," said Scott.

First-vice Jan Sorenson highlighted the building can now act as an emergency shelter with the addition of the generator if needed in the future.

HE council first to sign Blue Dot campaign

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Nov. 9 meeting of Highlands East council.

Councillors in Highlands East are the first in the county to show their support for the Haliburton Highlands Blue Dot campaign part of the David Suzuki Foundation's national campaign.

Being spearheaded by Environment Haliburton, the campaign was explained by members Heather Ross and Caroynn Coburn during a special delegation, where Ross said they have been canvassing all over the county.

"The Blue Dot movement is a campaign to have our right to a safe and healthy environment enshrined in the Canadian Constitution," wrote EH in their delegation to council. "The first step in the campaign is to achieve declarations by our municipal governments to do all they can to ensure that our local environments are safe and healthy."

Ross said that if council passed a resolution they would be the first in the county to do so.

While Councillor Cam MacKenzie initially showed some hesitation, council unanimously voted in favour of passing a resolution declaring that all people have the right to live in a healthy environment, including the right to breathe clean air, the right to drink clean water and to consume healthy food, the right to access nature, the right to know about pollutants and contaminants released in the local environment and the right to participate in decision-making that will affect the environment.

Irondale bridge to be replaced

A tender in the amount of \$678,208 was awarded to Fidelity Engineering and Construction for the replacement of the East Irondale Bridge.

The total cost of the project came in higher than anticipated due to the scope of the project changing from the replacement of a single lane bridge to the creation of a two-lane bridge.

Part of the project is being funded by the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, which gave the municipality \$283,589 for the bridge work, announced earlier this year.

Construction on the project is set to begin next summer.

By Angelica Ingram



Members of the Ontario Trillium Foundation committee for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624 in Wilberforce accept a plaque from MPP Laurie Scott during an open house celebration on Nov. 8 to mark the completion of work done on the building with funds granted from the foundation. The committee was successful in obtaining a \$49,500 OTF grant. From left, Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, MPP Scott, Legion committee chairperson Hilary Klapow, committee member Janette Packard, committee member Ken Langford, Legion first-vice Jan Sorenson, committee member Richard Young and OTF grant review team member Kathryn Rogers. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Fair

Objects of memory

THIS REMEMBRANCE DAY we mark the 100th anniversary of the second year of the First World War – a year punctuated by such momentous battles as Loos and Ypres, the first use of poison gas in the war and the first Zeppelin raids over Britain.

Just a few short decades ago, both world wars seemed so much more tangible to us than they do today – we all knew veterans and some might have even told us about their experiences.

Today, the number of veterans from these conflicts is dwindling, which raises the question of how we connect with this chapter of our history. The answer, I feel, lies in those objects and photos from the past that speak to us across the years.

In the collection of the Haliburton Highlands Museum, we have a Victory Medal that commemorates the end of, as the medal refers to it, the "Great War for Civilization."

With over eight million men dead and over 21 million wounded around the globe, the First World War had been so horrific that no one thought an event like that could ever happen again ... and yet we know it did.

Another item from our collection that always speaks to me rather poignantly is an image of members of the 109th Battalion in Haliburton Vil-

lage.

Sitting at the knee of one of the soldiers is a rather adorable dog.

I can imagine this honorary mascot providing well needed distraction for the men of the battalion as they made their way through training and prepared to go overseas.

Perhaps there were games of fetch in the fairgrounds or maybe some of the young men in the photo confided their fears about going to war to this young pup because they knew they'd find a sympathetic and non-judgmental ear.

A picture can indeed be worth a thousand words and there are so many stories of the individuals involved in these worldwide struggles that need to be preserved and passed from generation to generation.

It's easy to feel overwhelmed or even desensitized by the vast scope of these massive conflicts, but we need to recall the individual human narratives and emotions involved in order to connect with the history of our families, our communities and our country.

This Remembrance Day I encourage you to share a family story, a photo or an object imbued with memory so that we don't simply remember one day of the year, but every day.

By Kate Butler
Haliburton Highlands Museum



Autumn wisp

by Darren Lum

Remembrance Days, Haliburton circa 1950

REMEMBRANCE DAYS in the late '40s and early '50s in Haliburton were solemn affairs. We were much more subdued and more participatory than we are today.

The memories of the wars were recent and had happened during the lifetime of most everyone in our populace; it didn't happen 70 years ago – or a hundred.

Many among us remembered a lost brother, a son, a father, an uncle or a husband and the tears were real and the speeches were poignant and meaningful.

Everyone had a fresh appreciation of the carnage, the waste, the destroyed lives, the futures and possibilities. Poppies were everywhere; everyone wore one, everyone remembered.

Back then, when I was between eight and 12, I clearly remember the ceremonies on the 11th of November with the cenotaph crammed to capacity.

It was imposed on me; my father's restaurant was two doors up the street. For half or all the day, every school was let out, all businesses closed and a great multitude, probably a few hundred, solidly packed Highland and York streets in the area of the cenotaph.

Some quietly paraded down Highland Street to the marker at the monument. Most everyone attended; suffering every kind of November weather, cold winds, near blizzards or freezing rain, to salute those who never returned from the disasters of two world wars.

Speeches from the town dignitaries and others, some of whom had



been "over there" and had seen terrible things, every one of them would implore or plead with variations of these same few words: "For God's sake; no more war, forever!"

Then *The Last Post* was trumpeted, followed by two minutes of silence. Ignoring the sniffling, the genuine grieving and the tears, it was as true a silence as one could get.

At the wreath-laying, every business on Main Street and each tourist lodge, every volunteer organization, every widow, orphan, every relative, friends of deceased, placed flowers in the memory of someone loved, someone they cared about who had served and was suffering or had been killed and had never returned.

One Remembrance Day I witnessed Becky, our chief cook of my Dad's restaurant, shrouded in black, touch an errant tear as she placed a wreath at the cenotaph.

Her husband Max never returned from the front. Killed in action the note said.

I learned later, that after many months of training, after learning how to shoot and march and set up a skirmish line, Max was killed as soon as he set foot on French soil and never fired a shot in anger.

Becky lived to become a respected elder, a distinguished lady, an avid member of our Legion and the Ladies' Auxiliary; as far as I know, she never failed to attend the rites of Nov. 11.

She never remarried, she never forgot; she remembered.

By Eddie Burke



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The nature of reflection

FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS, A FEMALE CHICKADEE has been visiting our living room window. A lot of people might wonder how I know it's a female chickadee since males and females of that species look remarkably alike. Well, I know this because she hovers by the window and gazes upon her own reflection each time. And, every so often, I swear she turns her head as she flies away and checks out her own behind too.

Yes, that chickadee is clearly female.

This is not to say that I believe females are vain or more prone to mirror use. It is merely meant to suggest males and females of every species look upon mirrors very differently.

Females, in my experience, primarily utilize mirrors to find flaws that don't exist as well as to confirm their strong suspicion that their butts look too big in virtually everything.

A woman will also use a mirror to apply makeup to correct the aforementioned non-existent flaws and stand in front of one to curl or straighten their hair, but this is only to keep their partners from using the washroom for 30 to 60 minutes each morning.

I believe this is biologically programmed into all women as a means of ruling out potential mates who have extremely weak bladders. After all, there isn't a great warrior in all of history called Attila the Incontinent.

Males, on the other hand, view

mirrors very differently.

Mostly, we prefer to use them to start fires or signal passing aircraft. Ask any man. That's the dream.

That is not to say that we won't use mirrors for other less practical things too. As any woman who has a male partner knows, one of the main roles of a man's mirror is to witness him drop his towel after stepping out of the bath. Then, that same mirror must endure the horrific image of him repeatedly jumping up and down while yelling "Whooo! Whooo! Whooo!"

This, by the way, is the main reason why the largest mirror in the house is placed in the washroom rather than, say, the kitchen or living room.

A good mirror also serves several other important purposes for a man.

For instance, it is there to help him cut himself when he shaves. It also allows him to see that the top of his head is only protected from the harmful rays of the sun by far less hairs than he'd previously imagined. And when a man is putting on his favourite neck tie, he stands in front of a mirror so he can see it just once before his spouse tells him he's forbidden to wear that tie outside of the house.

This, by the way, is the second reason why the largest mirror in the house is placed in the washroom rather than, say, the kitchen or living room.

And while a woman brushes her teeth in front of a mirror to ensure that she has brushed every tooth properly, a man does so only to see what he would look like should he ever get rabies.

As I said, males and females of every species use mirrors in different ways. And that's the main reason we don't have a bird bath beside our living room window.



Loon Tales

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pic of the past

These CGIT girls sold tags to support Britain's Merchant Navy during the Second World War. The photo was taken in front of the United Church around 1941. Back row from left, A.J. Schofield, Salvation Army Capt., Joan McIntyre, Aileen Austin, Jane Whiteside, Lois Robertson, Bernice Herron, Mrs. Mel McKnight (group leader). Front row from left, Eileen Coneybear, Yvonne Austin, name not known, Doris Johnston, Violet Sipe and Gwen Feir. Submitted by Elaine Roberts

letters to the editor

HHHS van program superb

To the Editor,

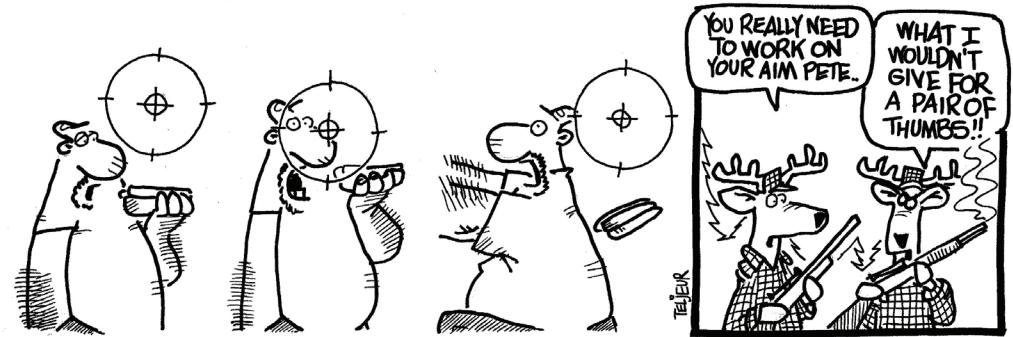
Yesterday I had the pleasure of riding on the maiden voyage of the new vehicle HHHS has just purchased for its van program! It's perfectly and comfortably equipped to serve the elderly, the halt and the lame of Haliburton County. From past experience I have some idea of the work involved in research, decision making and preparation of grant applications for the purchase of major

equipment – my sincere thanks to the HHHS board and its support staff. Thanks as well to the past and present drivers: Paul, Norm and Guy who make the trips enjoyable and give us the help we need. And, folks, this service is provided at a cost that is less than driving your own vehicle to town for appointments, shopping, visiting.

**Elva Bates
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Princess and Peewee come home

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When Heather Peddie was reunited with her "babies" she was overcome with relief after they went missing for more than a day while she was out of town last week.

Upon returning from a business trip, the retired dairy farmer with 96 acres off of Glamorgan Road didn't see her pet micropigs when she called out to Prince, 2, and Peewee, 3, like she always does.

Later in the day, her daughter returned from high school asking if the family's pets Prince and Peewee were missing.

Through Facebook, it was revealed there were pigs being sighted in the area off the family property. Peddie realized they had somehow crossed the Burnt River and left the property.

Peddie was worried with hunting season they might be shot, particularly Peewee, who has black hair that could make him look like a bear.

Peddie tried to contact the various people who saw her pigs. Then she learned the story was on Canoe FM and subsequently contacted them and then called Michèle Swyer.

Swyer, a year-round resident on Paradise Lake, was one of several people who saw one of the pigs on Wednesday.

Swyer remembers seeing a pig (she thought it was female) through her front window walk across her front yard while having tea last week.

"I was just sitting here, having my tea at 9:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. Not doing anything in particular and it just walked by," she said.

Initially, she thought it was some sort of dog.

When she went out her front door to her lawn, the pig initially moved away because of the noise, but then came closer.

"It sort of looked at me, sniffed and dug the ground, and then walked within three feet," she said.

Swyer used the opportunity to take a few photos of the inquisitive visitor, which she noticed was the size of a large dog, but with black-hair and tusks, measuring a

couple feet high on all fours.

"It was hairy so it wasn't your barnyard pig," she said.

The 18-year resident always wanted to see different animals up here. A pig wasn't one of them.

"I wanted to see a moose or a wolf or something and I see a pig after all the years I've been up here," she said.

Peddie eventually contacted her and others to figure out where her pigs were.

The concerned pig owner didn't find them in each case after following up with the sightings.

Last Thursday afternoon, they returned.

"The dogs started barking and I looked out here they were," she said.

Peddie said they came walking down the driveway, grunting to each other.

She was happy and relieved.

Normally, the pigs are well fed with vegetables and fruits, food scraps from the local grocery store, but this was a special occasion.

"We sat down and had a chocolate bar together. I treated them," she said, laughing.

The pigs were only gone overnight and really only travelled close to a kilometre through the bush, she estimates from the sightings. She wonders what exactly they got up to in the time they were away.

The affection Peddie has for her pigs is apparent with her comprehensive understanding she has of them and her feelings about the common jokes about comparing her babies to breakfast.

She gets angry and tells people they would never consider eating their pet dogs so it's ridiculous for her to ever contemplate eating her pigs.

They're just like members of her family, she said.

"They have the run of the place," she said.

Prince and Peewee, who are both more than 23 kilograms are housebroken and spend the harsh Haliburton winters inside. The other seasons they sleep in their enclosures under the deck at the house, but love and spend time outdoors, she said.

When they are inside and want to go out they whine and press their snouts in the crack of the door.

She was shocked about reports that people were afraid for themselves and their dogs upon seeing her pigs. No



Peewee, a micropig, was one of two pet pigs that were spotted roaming in the woods of Haliburton after they escaped from its enclosure. Submitted by Michèle Swyer.

one needs to be afraid of the pigs, particularly Peewee, she said. They are gentle with people and love dogs and have photos to show how they get along, she adds. Even visiting wildlife to her property has not had a problem with the pigs either.

If it was to come down to a choice between her dogs or her pigs, it would be the pigs, Peddie said, unequivocally.

She'll look to reinforce the enclosure since the pigs escaped by pushing through the two bottom rails.

Although this isn't the first time they've broken free of the enclosure, they have never wandered off the property, she said.

"I guess maybe because I wasn't there and had someone watch them they kind of went, 'Oh, my gosh mom's gone. Let's go look for her.' I don't know," she said.

They had access to food and water so there really isn't a clear reason why they left, she adds.

They had never escaped before and she wonders whether they were spooked, ran off and became disoriented. Loud noises like the sound of an approaching vehicle or a gun shot could do it.

As far as them coming home, Peddie said, these are smart pigs that understand where they feel welcomed.

"They know where home is," she said.

The growing need for travel insurance:

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Staff Reporter

Under the bright sunshine and warm, fall air, a group of local realtors gathered at Abbey Gardens on Nov. 3 to take a break from selling houses and roll up their sleeves to chop firewood.

An initiative of the Muskoka, Haliburton, Orillia Lakelands Association of Realtors, the group was splitting and stacking all morning in support of Heat Bank Hal-

iburton County, an organization that helps vulnerable residents with access to emergency heat.

The Heat Bank was the recipient of a grant through the Realtors Care Program, which is funded by each member of the Lakelands Association, who give \$2 a month to the program. There are more than 680 members.

"Sometimes we just come out and help, like today," said Debbie Vernon, a director with the association. "The Heat Bank is a wonderful program."

The wood was donated by Peter Schleifenbaum, owner/operator of the Haliburton Forest. The Heat Bank works in partnership with A Place Called Home.



Royal LePage realtor Chris Smolarz helps chop and stack wood at Abbey Gardens on Nov. 3 for the Haliburton County Heat Bank, an organization that provides heat sources for those in need. The wood chopping was an initiative of the Lakelands Association of Realtors for Muskoka, Haliburton and Orillia, which has 670 members.



Representatives from the Lakelands Association of Realtors for Muskoka, Haliburton and Orillia help chop and stack wood at Abbey Gardens on Nov. 3 for the Haliburton County Heat Bank, an organization that provides heat sources for those in need. The wood was donated by Peter Schleifenbaum of the Haliburton Forest and the initiative was part of the Realtors Care Program. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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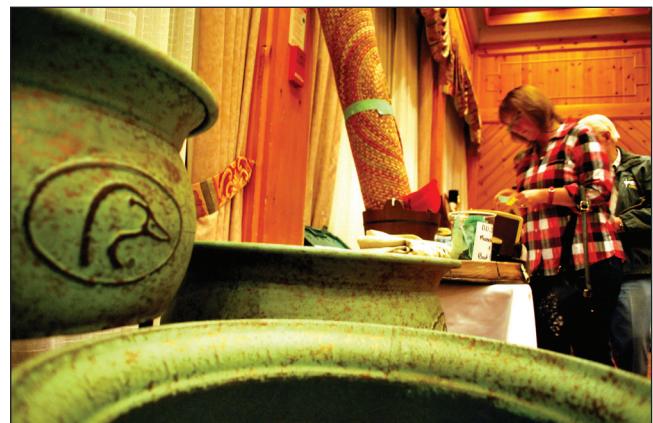


An evening for conservation

This firearms raffle was one of the fundraising activities at the annual Ducks Unlimited dinner and auction at the Pinestone Oct. 30. CHAD INGRAM Staff



Haliburton Wolves Junior A players helped display the auction items at the Ducks Unlimited dinner on Friday, Oct. 30, at Pinestone. Photo submitted



Attendees survey silent auction items.

Wildlife in your backyard



This hairy woodpecker was holding on tight against the wind. Photo by Belinda Gallagher

Haliburton Village BIA invites you to Winter Warm Up

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by Bill Gaston

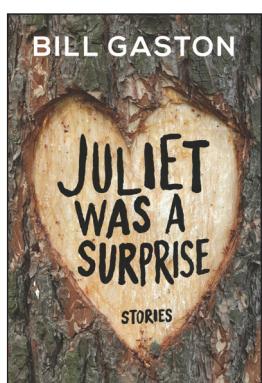
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Bill Gaston's characteristic keen insight and wit dazzle in this new collection. Here, we see the world through the prism of unfamiliar perspectives: a bank executive whose excellent sex life might in fact be killing her, an amorous tree surgeon better attuned to the values of his "patients" than to other people, a vacationing schizophrenic wary of his housemates, a pizza-delivery boy convinced he's witnessed magic — all struggling with the world as they see it. This versatile collection — at times darkly playful, absurd, or shockingly real — illustrates how we can fail to understand the simplest of truths and how we are trapped by the peculiarities of our own points of view. In Gaston's hands, the outlandish becomes comprehensible and everyday life begins to look strange. What unifies these stories and their characters is the underlying faith in the humanity of even the most dangerously misguided among us. Brazenly entertaining, but just as often heartbreaking, *Juliet Was a Surprise* portrays the humour and unfairness of life through the blunders of quixotic men and women with whom we can't help but sympathize.

Juliet Was a Surprise by Bill Gaston was one of the nominees for the 2015 Evergreen Award. The winner of this year's Evergreen Award will be announced soon!

Library News

Save the date! HCPL will be wrapping up its One Book One Community activities with An Evening with Robertson Davies at Baked and Battered on the evening of Dec. 6. Food, live entertainment, and a special guest. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.





Reaching out into their district, the Haliburton and District Lions Club present a cheque for \$500 to the Highlands East Old Rec FUNraising Committee in support of new rubber flooring for the Wilberforce Arena. From floors to food and so much more, the Haliburton Lions can be counted on to support community needs! People in photo from left to right: Lion Ray Howlett, Lion Jack Lawr, Lion James Lawr, Lion Tina Hadley, Hilda Clark, Barb Schofield, Patricia Simiana, Kathy Rogers, Gwendolyn Saunders, Nataly Mylan. Photo by Linda Heeps

ETFO reaches deal, high school teachers take strike action

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Elementary school teachers reached a tentative deal with the province, announced on Monday, Nov. 2.

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario issued a release advising its members to suspend strike action in light of the tentative agreement that had been reached with the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and the government.

"This round of bargaining has been exceptionally lengthy and difficult but in the end we achieved a tentative agreement that ETFO believes is fair and meets the needs of our members," said ETFO president Sam Hammond in the release.

A Nov. 1 deadline imposed by the provincial government saw ramped up negotiations between ETFO and the province that lasted multiple days. Negotiations between ETFO and the province began last September, as teachers have been without a contract since Aug. 31, 2014.

Details of the tentative agreement are not being released until members and local presidents have had a chance to review it.

An all-member vote on the agreement will be conducted, with results expected sometime mid-November, according to ETFO.

"ETFO's bargaining team will continue central table negotiations on behalf of its designated early childhood educators, education support personnel and professional support personnel," reads the release.

Elementary teachers had recently entered into phase 3 of a work-to-rule action, which saw them withdraw from all voluntary extra-curricular activities and not issue fall progress reports.

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— ETFO president Sam Hammond

HHSS EQAO scores up

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Last week the Education Quality and Assessment Office (EQAO) released the annual results from standardized testing done across the province for Grade 9 students in math.

The results compare Haliburton County schools to those within the Trillium Lakelands District School Board and across the province.

At Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Grade 9 students in both

the applied and academic streams were assessed on their math skills in 2015.

In the applied math course, 61 per cent of HHSS students were at or above the provincial standard, compared to 59 per cent of students across the board.

The academic stream at HHSS showed very promising results, with 95 per cent at or above the provincial standard, whereas TLDSB had 85 per cent.

The EQAO results showed that compared to previous years both the applied and academic results were up, with the highest showings in the past five school years at HHSS.

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Actors Michael Valliant-Saunders, left, and Wyatt Lamoureux get into character during the rehearsals for the Eastern Ontario Drama League's Festival of One-act Plays on Nov. 6 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Performing *Freud's Last Session*, the actors, who play Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis, are part of the Peterborough Theatre Guild. This marked the first time the festival was ever hosted by The Highlands Little Theatre. Theatre groups travelled from Belleville, Perth, Kingston and Peterborough to partake in the festivities.

Below, Ms. Asquith, played by Alexis Scott, left, listens while her secretary Miss Riverton, played by Keegan Carr explains why she threw her exercise elastic into the garbage can during the opening of *The Way of All Fish*, a production put on by Studio Theatre Perth at the EODL Festival of One Act Plays. Under the direction of Joanna McAuley Treffers, a first time director, the play explores the relationship between a multi-millionaire and her peculiar secretary obsessed with fame. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



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Festival of one-act plays delights

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Staff Reporter

An unexplained murder in a rural farm town, a peculiar secretary with an uncanny strength and a loveless husband and wife stuck on a deserted country road.

These were just some of the plot twists that captivated theatre goers this past weekend as Highlands Little Theatre hosted the Eastern Ontario Drama League Festival of One Act Plays for the first time in their history. Held on Nov. 6 to 8, the festival included nine performances acted out at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Kicking off with local production *Oh Annie!*, written by Fay Martin, the festival included plays from the Peterborough Theatre Guild, Belleville Theatre Guild, Studio Theatre Perth (which had two productions), Domino Theatre (Kingston), Ottawa Little Theatre, Brockville Theatre Guild and Vagabond Theatre Cornwall.

The Perth productions included two first-time female directors.

Awards were presented in a variety of categories during the final day of the festival at Bonnie View Inn. The winners are as follows:

Helen R. McGregor Award: Best Original Song, "Call Up a Storm," Jen McLachlen, "Trifles," Studio Theatre Perth (Trina West, "Oh Annie," Highlands Little Theatre was nominated).

Penny Arril Award: Set / Transportation "False Neighbour," Ottawa Little Theatre

Peterborough Theatre Guild Award: New Canadian Work, Step Taylor, "The False Neighbour," Ottawa Little Theatre (Fay Martin, "Oh Annie," Highlands Little Theatre was nominated).

Colin Mawson Award for Outstanding contribution by a Student: Sarah McEwen "The False Neighbour," Ottawa Little Theatre.

Nancy Chajkowski Memorial Award For Costume Design: Joanna McAuley Treffers "The Way of All Fish" Studio Theatre Perth.

Peterborough Examiner Award for Best Visual Pro-

duction:

"Freud's Last Session," Peterborough Theatre Guild.

Belleville Theatre Guild - Supporting Male Actor: Marvin Tucker, "The Rosewood Arts Society: Established 1903," Belleville Theatre Guild.

Mae Carmichael Award - Supporting Female Actor: Stephanie Carriere, "Relative Strangers" Vagabond Theatre, Cornwall (Sue Tiffin, "Oh Annie," Highlands Little Theatre was nominated).

Pauline Grant Award - Best Female Actor: Sarah Beck, "Verona Revisited," Domino Theatre (Kingston).

Nepean Little Theatre Award - Best Male Actor: Wyatt Lamoureux / Michael Valliant Saunders, "Freud's Last Session," Peterborough Theatre Guild.

Donald Endicott Award for Best Coordinated Production (as selected by the Festival Stage Manager): "Freud's Last Session," Peterborough Theatre Guild.

Academy Theatre Foundation Award for Best Director: Jane Werger, "Freud's Last Session," Peterborough Theatre Guild.

Ottawa Little Theatre Award for Best Production: "Freud's Last Session," Peterborough Theatre Guild.

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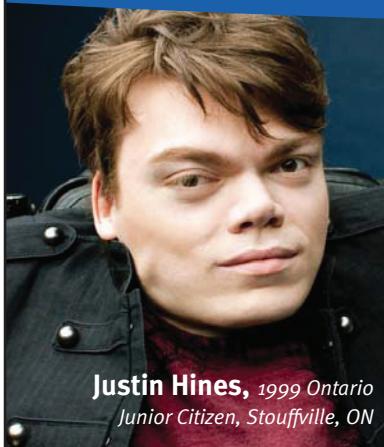
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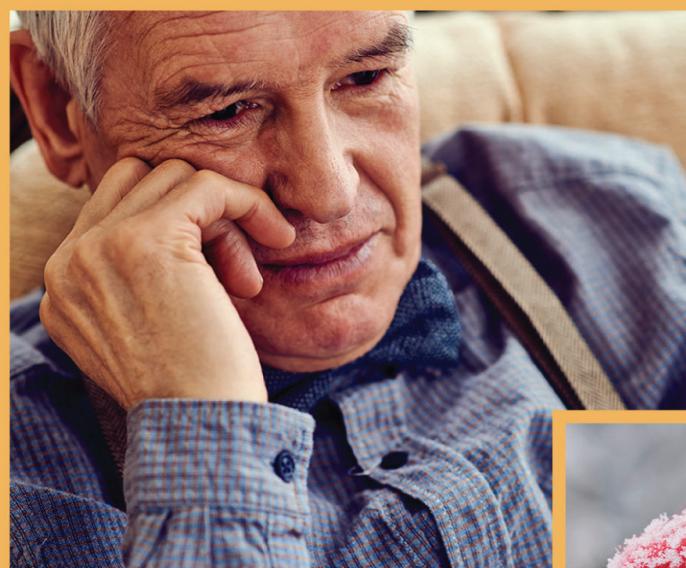
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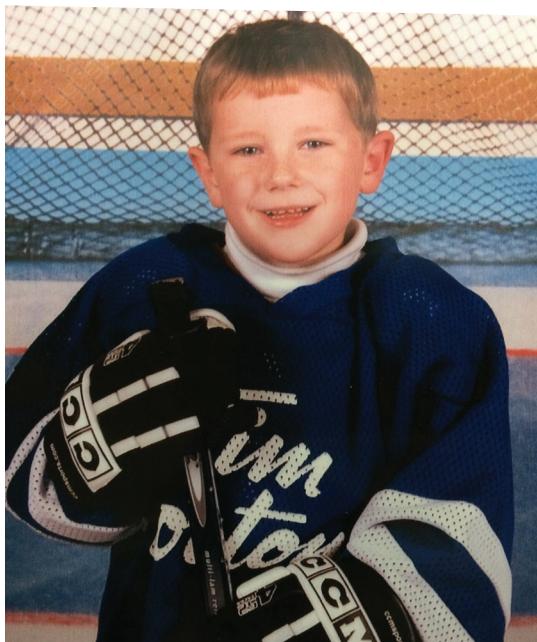
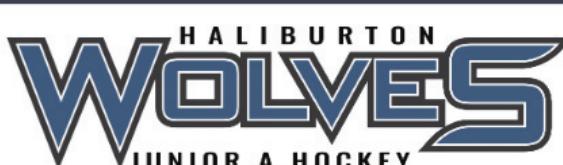
Pasta dinner raises funds for kids

Staff at the Kosy Korner got into the Christmas spirit on Nov. 4 as they served up all you can eat plates of spaghetti from 4 to 7 p.m. Waitress Taylor Morrison gets ready to hand out plates of food at Haliburton restaurant the Kosy Korner for the first time fundraiser, which was raising money to buy Christmas toys for children. The food was donated to the cause, as well as all the staff hours. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Above left, Johanna Hayward scoops spaghetti sauce onto a pile of noodles at the Kosy Korner on Nov. 4 as the restaurant served up all you can eat plates of spaghetti.

Staff members Johanna Hayward, left, and Amy Spencer got into the Christmas spirit.

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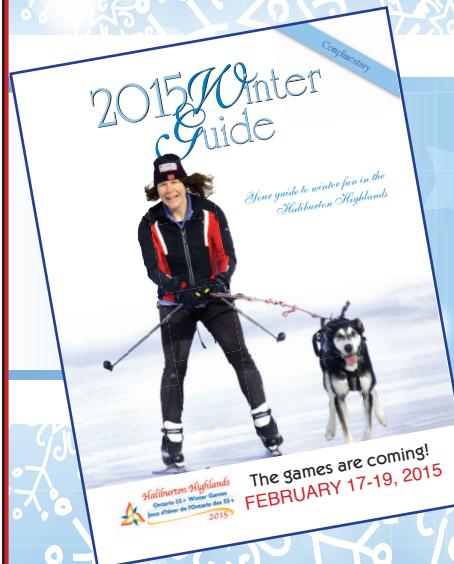
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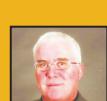
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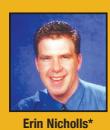
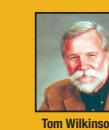
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CHAMBER NEWS

Staff Changes at the Chamber...

Yes, it's true! Lauren Hunter has accepted a job offer to work with Peterborough-Kawartha federal Liberal MP elect Maryam Monsef. Lauren worked with Maryam's campaign team during her 2 month leave from the Chamber this fall, and while we are saddened by our loss at the Chamber, we are also very excited that Lauren is again pursuing her passion for politics - and this time, a lot closer to home, in Peterborough. Best of luck to Lauren, and many thanks for all her contributions to the Chamber of Commerce, our membership and the community.

At the same time, we wish Kristy Bourgeois, our interim Member Services Representative all the best as she pursues her career path in digital media & graphic design with The Art Hive. We are grateful to Kristy for her support during Lauren's leave.



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Sports

The Red Hawks player Jade McCartney, who was a solid performer all tournament, rushes the ball into the offensive zone against the Clarkson Chargers during the OFSAA championship field hockey tournament on Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Fleming Sports Complex in Peterborough. Haliburton lost 2-1 to Clarkson and were 0-3 in the tournament. / DARREN LUM Staff



OFSAA caps off Hawks' successful season

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Knocking off their arch rivals is still a high point for the Red Hawks girls' field hockey team's season despite going winless in three competitive Ontario Federation Sports Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championship tournament games last week.

A week earlier, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) Hawks earned their OFSAA berth with a 1-0 win over the North Hastings High School Huskies in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship final in Peterborough.

The team is looking back to the entire season as successful, which included an unbeaten Kawartha High School League season.

Co-captain and fifth year player of the field hockey program (varsity B for two years and varsity A for her last three years) Shae MacNaull said earning the all-provincial berth is a "huge achievement" and part of the team's goal from the start of the season.

"We will always be proud of what was done this year. Winning COSSA and going to OFSAA was our goal," she said.

Although the team opened the all-provincial tournament hosted in Peterborough from Nov. 5 to 7 with a 3-0 loss to Regiopolis-Notre Dame Panthers on Thursday at the Justin Chiu Stadium, the Hawks had their chances.

After giving up an early goal to the Panthers, the Hawks regrouped and were

applying offensive pressure with strong runs down the wing, using their speed with players Jamie Little, Shae MacNaull, Kenndal Marsden and McKenzie Henderson. They had difficulty with getting off clean shots on net. It had come close to scoring an equalizer in the second half before surrendering two successive goals late in the game. They didn't give up, but ran out of time despite the supportive crowd in the stands made up of family, loved ones and friends, who made the drive down.

A few hours later the team played the Clarkson Chargers of Mississauga.

Emma Scheeffe of the Hawks scored an early goal in the first few minutes with a shot in tight, giving the red and white a 1-0 lead. Scheeffe and Abby Gordon were regularly in close at the net, looking for chances. Again, the small contingent, but vocal Hawks' supporters applauded and cheered. However the celebration was short lived, as the Chargers scored minutes later to tie it up. After a few solid Hawks' scoring chances that didn't materialize into any goals, the Chargers capitalized and added another late in the game, beating first-year goalie Sonya Flatman high on the stick side. Haliburton lost 2-1. The Hawks' netminder made several high saves to keep the deficit at one. Henderson continued to create chances with her pace down the wing, but the Chargers' defence bent but never broke, stifling anything in close to their netminder. The Chargers went on to win the antique bronze for fourth overall.

The Hawks played their final game on Friday and narrowly lost 1-0 to the Bill Crothers Colts.

Flatman played well in all three games, subbing in for an absent starting goalie Sydney Cameron.

Notable mention for team's sweeper Jade McCartney, who was a standout on the defensive end and in leading many offensive rushes with her speed and ball handling abilities.

A veteran of the field hockey program for four years (one with varsity B and three with varsity A) Sydney Feir concurred with her captain and enjoyed knocking off the defending COSSA champions, the Huskies, who are perennially a

COSSA final opponent.

"With this season it will most definitely be memorable because of making OFSAA. But also our team win over North Hastings in the gold game of COSSA will be something I'll remember because last year we lost to them in a very hard and [seemingly] unfair loss. So, beating them and winning COSSA just felt right this year. But all my four years of field hockey at HHSS will be remembered because of my amazing teammates and supportive coaches," she said.



The Red Hawks forward McKenzie Henderson, right, rushes the ball past a Regiopolis-Notre Dame Panthers defender during the OFSAA championship field hockey tournament on Thursday, Nov. 5 at Trent University in Peterborough. Haliburton lost 3-0 to the Panthers to open the tournament and finished 0-3. /DARREN LUM Staff

The Red Hawks forward Jamie Little, right, leans on a Regiopolis-Notre Dame Panthers defender during the OFSAA championship field hockey tournament on Thursday, Nov. 5 at Sir Sanford Fleming College in Peterborough. Haliburton lost 3-0 to the Panthers to open the tournament and finished 0-3. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks player Ali Paul, right, moves the ball past a Clarkson Chargers player during the OFSAA championship field hockey tournament on Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Fleming Sports Complex in Peterborough. Haliburton lost 2-1 to Clarkson and were 0-3 in the tournament. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks player Maddie Allore, middle, attempts to pick up a loose ball against the Clarkson Chargers during the OFSAA championship field hockey tournament on Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Fleming Sports Complex in Peterborough. Haliburton lost 2-1 to Clarkson and were 0-3 in the tournament. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Hawks striving for COSSA

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks senior basketball team expects to not only host the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championships, but be one of four teams to play in it.

Its head coach Dave Waito said a COSSA berth is a realistic goal.

"We want to get back to COSSA and we want to win that. We want to win a COSSA championship," he said. "We're right in the mix of everybody else ... we should be competitive. There's no reason not to have that as our goal to be winning COSSA," he said. "That's what we're looking at."

The knockout tournament will include four A classified schools on Feb. 25, but this date is subject to change. The field of A schools he said is very competitive, as evident last year. Qualification occurs in the open playoff round following the regular season.

Along with the COSSA berth, Waito wants his team to work towards finishing over .500 for the regular season, he adds.

This year's team promises to be strong, as it is boasting a wealth of veterans that have four and five years of experience with the basketball program. Although last year's team had more than the nine current rostered players, the Red Hawks have greater experience to draw upon this year.

"We had more guys on the team [last year], but some of them only played senior basketball. They hadn't played junior. Everybody out here, barring Caleb Turner, has been playing for four years,

which is good. We're going to build on that. We're going to keep adding on to that knowledge base and go with a whole lot more experience than before," he said.

With the experience, Waito's hoping to run the ball more and will have his team work on executing the fast break attack.

A new wrinkle to this season is the addition of the 35-second shot clock, which starts on the inbound and resets only when the ball hits the rim.

"So getting early offence is going to be a little more important than it was before now that we have to work against that shot clock," he said.

The shot clock is a time limit on offensive ball possession.

It was implemented when the Ontario Federation of Sports Athletic Associations adopted the time limit that is used in college basketball and in the NBA.

Conveniently, the hardware was already installed when the athletic wing of the school was constructed several years ago. Other than some wiring, the gym is ready to accept the necessary timing.

Waito said his leaders for the team are veterans Hunter Smith and Nick Thompson, both with five years of playing experience; McKay Coneybear, Caleb Schmidt and Jalen Campbell, all with four years, including fifth year player Travis Carroll, who has three years of experience in the program.

The coaching staff includes Gord Cochrane and Mike Rieger, who did help at times last season, but is with the team for this entire season.

Although the league's schedule has not been released, Waito said the first game is likely to be at the end of the month.

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We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders fields!

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields

*Composed at the battlefield on May 3, 1915
during the second battle of Ypres, Belgium*

Haliburton County Remembrance Day Schedule

Haliburton Legion:

Remembrance Day Service at 10 am on Wednesday November 11th in the Legion Main Hall. Wreath Ceremony* at 10:45 am at the Cenotaph on Highland Street. Remembrance Day lunch at 12 noon in the Legion Club Room. Remembrance Day dinner in the Main Hall doors open at 5 pm / dinner at 6 pm - tickets are \$15 per person. *Anyone wishing to lay a wreath at the ceremony in remembrance of a loved one, can contact the Branch at 705-457-2571.

Minden Legion:

Remembrance Day Service at the County Cairn, downtown Minden in the Village Green next to the CIBC starting at 10:45.

Following the service, a light lunch will be available at the Minden Branch. Those who would like to lay a wreath at the ceremony in remembrance of a loved one, can contact the Branch at 705-286-4541

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Remembrance Day holds special place

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leans up against a sculpture at Vimy Ridge.

Billy used to dream about the war, but she says she doesn't anymore.

Ask her about the sights and sounds, however, and it quickly comes back.

In Lot, Belgium, the postal workers were housed in a steel hut, sleeping on fold-up cots – 10 down one side, 10 down the other. At night when they went to bed, each would take a turn saying what she wished she had from home.

"Mine was always chocolate cake," she chuckles.

Mostly they had mashed potatoes. Billy is pretty sure they weren't fresh.

"A lot of horse meat. It just tasted like beef to me," she says.

Ed knows Billy's story off by heart. When she forgets a date, he steps in.

They met after the war, marrying in 1959. Together they raised four children.

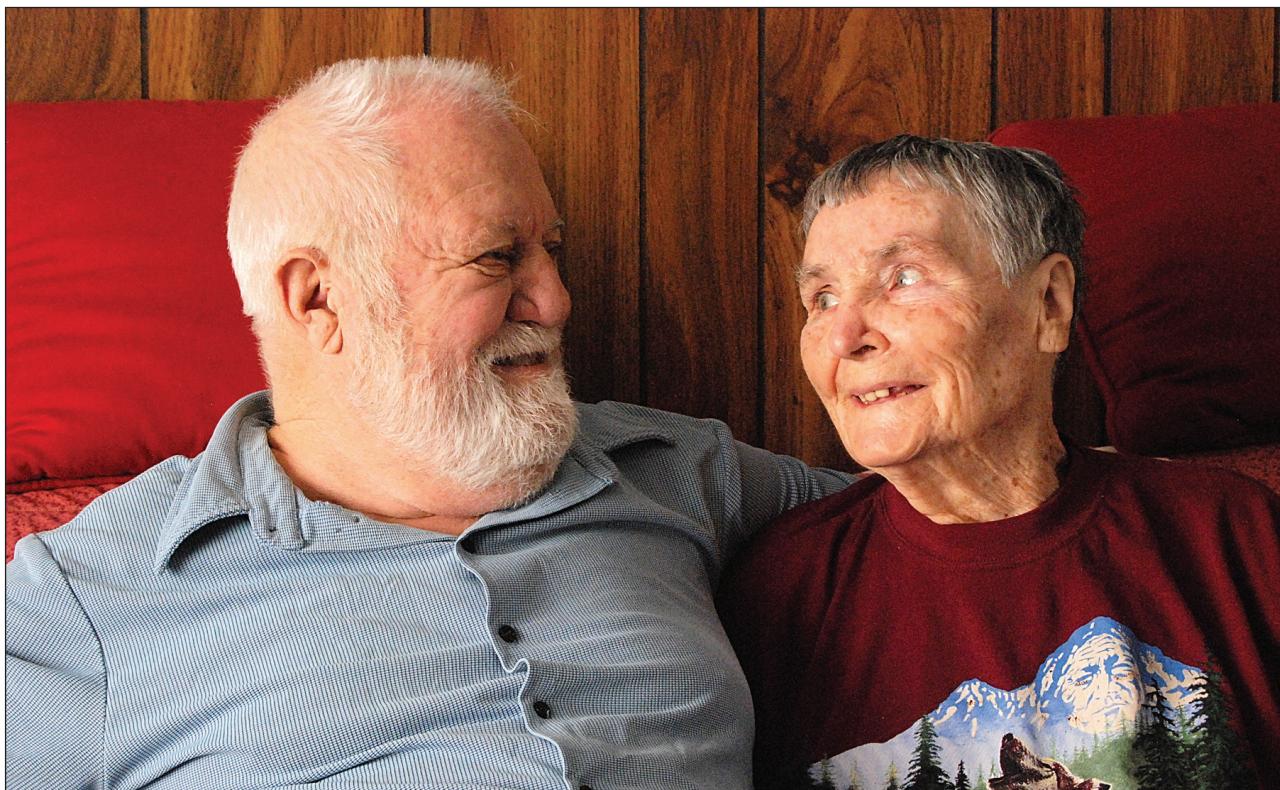
Ed was an RCMP officer and Billy worked at the post office in Scarborough until they retired to the Haliburton Highlands in 1983.

They have both been active members of the Haliburton Legion and the institution reflects their long service. (The Legion crest seen at the front of the hall was a rug-hooking project Billy took on, drawing the pattern by hand and pulling loops of coloured yarn through the burlap backing.)

Although Billy can't see very well, she still went out to sell poppies this year with a cadet by her side and she intends to participate in the Remembrance Day ceremony as she always does.

"I always felt, after I signed up, I should have signed up sooner," Billy says, remembering the work she did with the other soldiers.

Sorting mail was dangerous so close to the action, but a crucial duty in the days before email, cellphones and 24-hour news. Families had no way of getting in touch beyond letters and Billy and the other 19 in her unit



Ed and Billy Pickard sit together in their Haliburton home last week looking through photos and remembering the Second World War. Billy was part of the postal tracing unit, following the frontline troops through continental Europe. The Pickards made their Redstone Lake cottage a home back in the early '80s and have been fulltime Highlands residents ever since.

JENN WATT Staff

made sure the messages got through.

"It's the only way the boys had of getting any communication," Billy says.

The postal tracing unit followed the soldiers in Montgomery's 21st Army Group across Europe, with Billy's

particular unit travelling from Normandy to France, Holland and Belgium. She arrived five weeks after D-Day.

"We didn't feel very secure," she says, explaining they were in Antwerp as the city was being bombed in 1944.

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Lest We Forget



Canadian soldiers watched refugees pick through garbage for food

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"Antwerp was a port city," Ed explains, "so the Germans were bombing it trying to stop the supplies coming in."

Billy had several close calls during her time there.

"My girlfriend and I were off duty once and went into a little store that sold everything made of wood. I remember I bought a wooden belt and we crossed the street to another building and while we were over there the building we'd just been in was hit," Billy says.

"Two or three minutes earlier, you'd have been in there," Ed says to her.

That December, they were so unsure of their fate, the unit decided to have an early Christmas, in case they died before it arrived.

"We all gathered together in a room and sat on the floor with anything we'd received from home for Christmas and pooled all our stuff and had an early Christmas because we weren't sure if we'd be there at Christmas."

The women became close over their time together and stayed in touch once they returned to Canada after the war.

Seventy years have passed since then and Billy is the only remaining soldier from her unit.

On Remembrance Day, when she lays a wreath, she always thinks of them.

"I lay a wreath for my 19 girlfriends," she says.

She was in England with one of her friends on a 10-day leave when the war ended.

"I danced with everybody else. ... Everybody was just cheering and dancing," she says.

Ed has been the Legion branch president four times and was once the zone commander. The pair says they see strong support for Remembrance Day and respect for those who went to war.

Still, Ed says, those who haven't experienced it firsthand like his wife has cannot imagine just how horrible

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My girlfriend and I were off duty once and went into a little store that sold everything made of wood. I remember I bought a wooden belt and we crossed the street to another building and while we were over there the building we'd just been in was hit.

— Billy Pickard
on the dangers of living in a war zone

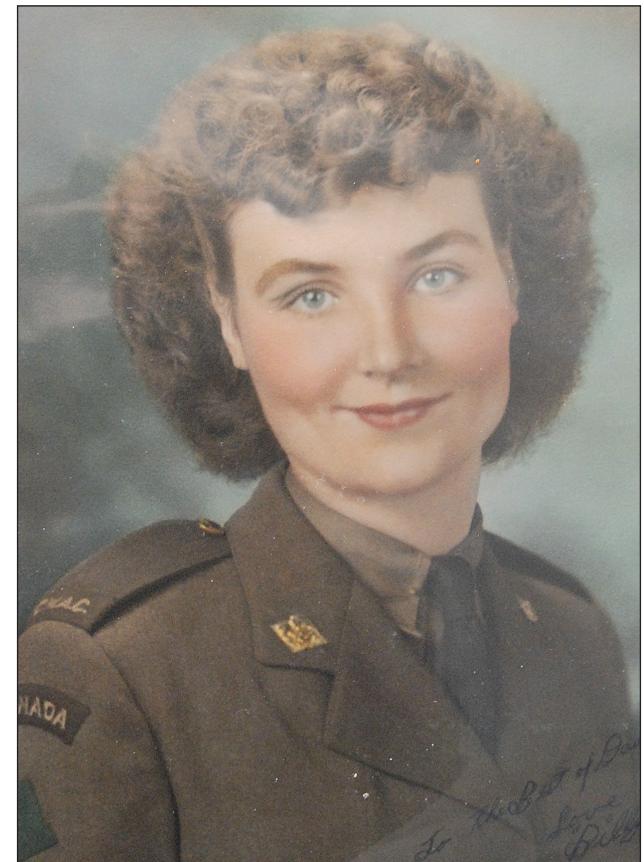
war is.

"I don't think you'll understand until you've experienced it. Even the people who didn't get overseas really wouldn't understand. Like Billy said, they go on truck convoys from one place to another and they'd stop for lunch and throw their stuff in the garbage and the refugees were fighting over their garbage so they had something to eat. I guess that kind of touches you," Ed says.

People would line up – women with baby buggies or wheelbarrows filled with all of their worldly possessions – walking nowhere in particular, just away from war.

Billy marvels at our luck in Canada at being so far from conflict for such a long time.

"We have so much," she says, holding her hands on her lap. "We are so lucky."



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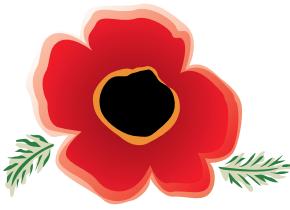


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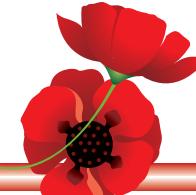
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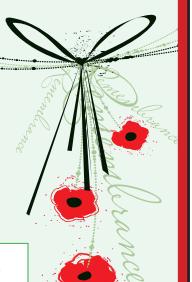
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Bancroft Jets girls' team hosts Ennismore Eagles

The Bancroft I.D.A./Canadian Tire midget B girls Jets hosted the Ennismore Eagles in Haliburton on Saturday night. The Jets opened the scoring midway through the first period with Erin Kavanagh's wrister from the point that hit the crossbar and then rebounded off the Eagle tender, finding its way into the net. In the second period, the Jets continued to put pressure on the Eagles. Katie Funk's nice D-pass to Bailey Wiltshire, whose shot rebounded off the boards to Kelsey Maracle, finished off the 2-0 lead. Sydney Feir stuffed home a goal mouth scramble after some hard work by Kenndal Marsden to give the Jets a lead that would not be overtaken. The Ennismore captain spoiled True Nulty's shutout bid early in the third slipping in a backhander off a Jets' defensive zone turnover. The Eagles tally seemed to spark the Jets as they scored three more unanswered goals in the third. Erin Kavanagh added her second snipe of the night with power play wrister the eluded the Eagle tender. Jamie Little went coast to coast from her defensive end after blocking a shot and then firing a wrister glove side. Ella Hedley rounded out the 6-1 scoring with a blocker side shot past the Eagle netminder. On Sunday afternoon, the Jets hosted the always aggressive Lindsay Lynx. After a scoreless first period with both clubs having a few chances to break the 0-0 tie, Sydney Feir finished off a sweet pass from Kelsey Maracle to give the Jets a 1-0 lead early in the second period. This lone tally was the difference maker in the tightly contested battle between the two squads. Both teams continued to apply pressure but could not find an answer to the netminders who stopped all chances throughout the rest of the game. The Jets maintained their undefeated season as Katie Hoover captured her sixth shutout of the season. The Jets are on the road for their next two games – Saturday night, Nov. 14, facing the Cold Creek Comets and Saturday afternoon, Nov. 21 in Lindsay, taking on the Lynx squad again. Next home will be Sunday afternoon, Nov. 22 at 3 p.m., where the Jets will host the Peterborough Ice Kats in Bancroft.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Rock wins against peewee team

The Walker's Heating and Cooling Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team peewee AEs were scheduled to play a double header versus the Muskoka Rock this past weekend in MacTier. The windstorm on Friday resulted in a change of venue as the teams played only one game against each other in Port Carling. It was the Rock's game the whole way through with a convincing 15-2 victory. Storm goals by Tyler Martin and beauty on a breakaway by Kolby McGovern.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Midgets battle Ilderton Jets

The Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm midget A team took to the road this weekend travelling to Simcoe to partake in the Tyler Norrie Memorial Challenge Tournament. Friday night kicked off with a nail biter against the Ilderton Jets in which the Storm jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period on power play tallies by Nolan Flood and Jaydon Wood. Ilderton bounced back in the next two periods keeping the Highlanders hemmed in their own zone for much of the time imposing goalie Parker Smolen to make huge saves and the end of regulation found the game tied at two leading to the shootout. The Storm scored on their first two shots by Jaydon Wood and Owen Patterson-Smith and Parker "The Wall" Smolen turned their shooters all away for the victory. Saturday morning the Highlanders versed the host Simcoe Warriors. The first period ended without any scoring in a tentative and clean frame, as the game progressed the tournament hosts eventually solved the solid goaltending of Ethan Howe and the Storm could not tally, ending in a 3-0 loss. Mark Saville had an outstanding defensive effort for the Blue and White. (Storm) Saturday afternoon the Highlanders played their last game of the round robin against the Southwest Bullets from Bothwell and the first period found the Storm quickly ahead by two and ending in an 8-0 rout, securing the team first place in the division and a berth in the semi-final Sunday morning. The semi-final game was a rematch against the Ilderton Jets who came out flying and had the Blue and White under siege for the beginning of the first finally scoring six minutes in. That was a wakeup call to the team as Owen Flood tapped in the

rebound of a cannonading drive from Carter O'Neill just seven second later knotting the game at one. The second period was a fast paced hard hitting affair with the Jets netting two for a 3-1 lead. The third was much the same with Storm unable to permeate the defensive shell of Ilderton and time expired in a 3-1 loss. The Storm had a disciplined, high energy tourney and the young team continues to grow as they garner more experience, well done gentlemen!

Submitted by Dave and Katie Howe

Storm travels to Brighton for tournament

Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm headed to Brighton for a tournament. The first game was a tough loss of 11-0 to the Sturgeon Lake Thunder. The second game was a much needed win for the storm. The Highland Storm defeated the Tweed Black Hawks 6-0. Aaron Neave got his first shut out. Awesome job, Aaron. Goals were scored by Isaac Lee, Addison Carr, Cheyenne Degeer, Nathan

Morrison, Mak Prentice, and Graeme Armstrong. The B finals was a fast, energetic, and a well fought win for the Highland Storm vs the Newmarket Stars. Some spectacular goals were scored by: Kadin Card, Isaac Lee, Graeme Armstrong, Cheyenne Degeer, and Mak Prentice. Congratulations Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm on the B final win.

Submitted by Amber Card

Atom Storm takes on Bears

Emmerson Lumber atom team travelled to Bracebridge to play the South Muskoka Bears on Friday night. Cooper Coles scored the only goal for the storm assisted by Nathan Harrison and Gage Hutchinson. Final score was 10-1 Bears. The Emmerson Lumber atom team then travelled to Gravenhurst on Sunday. The Storm fought hard but the Bears came away with a 7-0 win over the Storm.

Submitted by Amanda Wells

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At the craft sale at the LWMC last Saturday vendors had some interesting items for shoppers to consider. The wreaths and other decorations certainly started one thinking seriously about Christmas. Jewelry and hand sewn and knit creations had gift potential. The enticing baked goods especially the gingerbread cookies available at several tables surely will be eaten long before that special time.

Think food? Think of the special meals that are often served and always popular at the Highland Grove Community Centre. Jane Rennie called to let us know that their heritage turkey supper will be served this Saturday, Nov. 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. For this hearty meal which includes dessert adults pay only \$13. Children eat for \$6

UPCOMING Community Events

HALIBURTON: Meet the Dietitian

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When: Sat. Nov. 14th (10 am - 2 pm)

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Linden MacIntyre, Canadian novelist was a very popular speaker last Sunday, Nov. 8 drawing a huge crowd to the Pinestone in Haliburton Village. MacIntyre gladly signed copies of his recently published book *Punishment* before and after his informative and entertaining talk.

He spoke of humble beginnings rich with story telling and fiddle music in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Speaking fondly of his 99 year old mother he suggests she might not approve of his use of a few naughty words.

He has always been a reader finding odd sources of books as a youngster in a community where no public library was available. Though told by some during school years that he "had a way with words" and discouraged from a writing career by one university professor he became a journalist including his 24 years as co-host of CBC TV's *Fifth Estate*.

Now a full time novelist with *Punishment* following *The Long Stretch*, *Why Men Lie* and the 2009 Giller Prize winner *The Bishop's Man* MacIntyre writes and speaks with a deep understanding of our complex human nature. And as he gently suggests "There is good in all of us even those considered bad and possibly bad even in the good folk." He definitely has a way with words.

Thanks to the members of the Friends of the Haliburton County Library for featuring Linden MacIntyre at their 10th annual book gala and silent auction.

The short time with MacIntyre and his enthusiastic audience was the end of an exciting weekend for literary and dramatic arts people. Accompanied by good friends it was for me entertaining and enlightening to also enjoy the work of nine playwrights brought to the stage at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion as members of the Haliburton Little Theatre successfully hosted the 50th annual Eastern Ontario Drama Festival of One Act Plays.

Three were presented Friday evening, three more Saturday afternoon and three others on Saturday evening.

Amateur theatre groups from Eastern Ontario entered this event bringing casts, crews, sets, and props. In one hour each group in turn set up, staged their play, and struck the set. Wow!

And what a variety of plays: *Oh, Annie!* (Haliburton), *Freud's Last Session* (Peterborough), *The Rosewood Art Society established in 1903* (Belleville), *Trifles* (Perth), *The Way Of All Fish* (Perth), *Verona Revisited* (Kingston), *The False Neighbour* (Ottawa), *The Death of Me* (Brockville) and *Relative Strangers* (Cornwall).

What a feast of plays set in a variety of places and times: from a 1922 Minden Women's Institute tea meeting, to a Manhattan Office; from a flat tired car on an Ontario road to the interior of an airplane; from a typical committee meeting to Freud's office with couch in 1914 London and from heaven's helpful upbeat Death Angel at her counter to a 1900 Mid-West period sad rural kitchen all creatively produced.

Yet there seemed to be a common theme in all about power and status and the need for change.

How interesting to listen to the adjudicator Carey Nicholson give her comments on the productions to the theatre groups and the public.

The EODL had its annual meeting Saturday morning at the Haliburton United Church with a catered lunch there. On Sunday morning the awards banquet was held at Bonnie View Resort.

Thanks to all who travelled to this area to take part in this event. Hope it was fun.

Participants did seem to be enjoying their time performing in such a good facility, seeing old friends and enjoying theatre.

A huge thank you to the Highlands Little Theatre people and all their workers. You were great hosts and kicked off the event with a fine production of Fay Martin's *Oh, Annie!*

Now let's get the Loop Troupe on stage soon.

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Stormy weather made the news here in Guilford on Friday Nov. 6. Wind and rain damaged power lines and many of us were without electricity until after 10:00 a.m. on the 7th. Others not so lucky had to wait more hours, some for two days while Hydro workers did their best to get it operational.

Andy and Judi Paul's place had their hydro or phone pole struck. Barry Line people saw property damage and a tree across the road caused more damage.

Sorry to report the death of Lottie Ruttan who passed away on Nov. 5 at Extendicare after very little time in that residence. Lottie was such a vibrant presence in both Maple Lake and West Guilford activities. Our sympathy to her son Eric Edward, to her brothers Grenville and Neil and to grandchildren, nieces and nephews whom she showered with gifts and hospitality all her long life.

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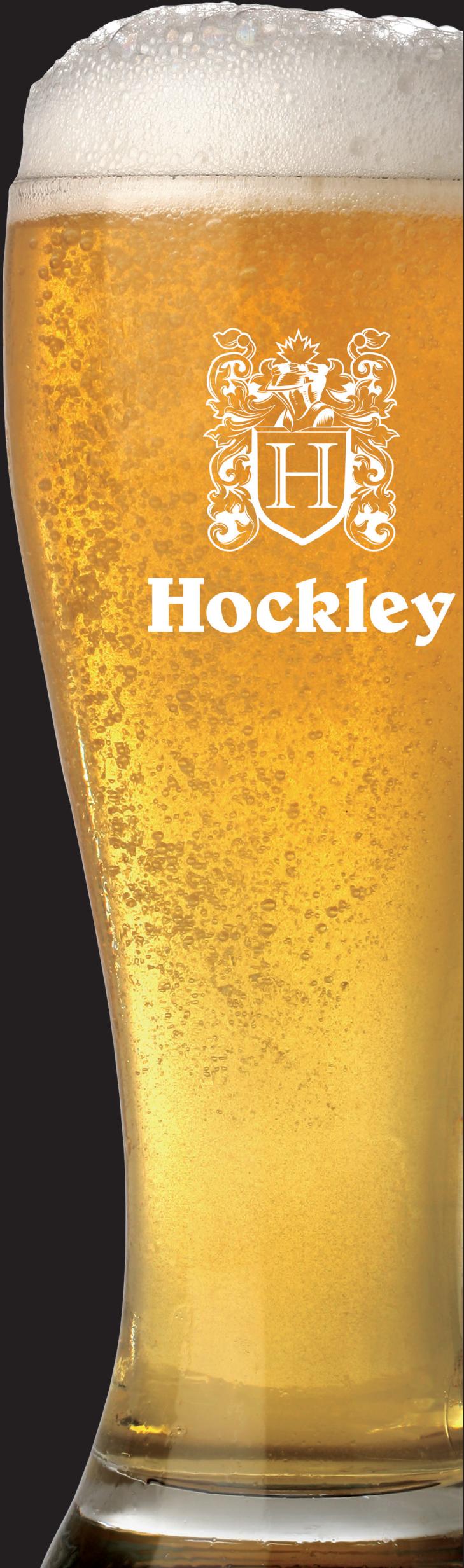
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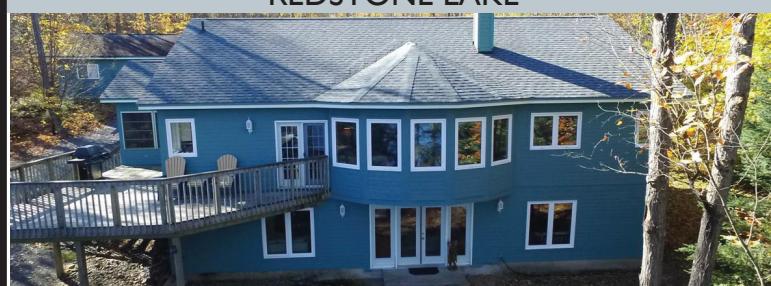
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